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VICTORY FARM VOLUNTEERS

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NEED 500,000 BOYS AND GIRLS

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WHY THE FARMER NEEDS YOUR HELP

The farmer has one of the Nation's most important jobs. Uncle Sam has called on him

to raise food for our fighting men, our war workers, and our allies. His sons and hired men may be in the armed forces or working in war plants. More food than ever must be produced with fewer people to do it. Everybody who can must help!

HOW BOYS AND GIRLS CAN GET WORK ON A FARM THIS SUMMER

Be a Victory Farm Volunteer. This is the title given boys and girls volunteering for work on farms this summer. The volunteers are part of the U. S. Crop Corps. The best estimate is that half a million boys and girls will be needed.

In many high schools the Victory Farm Volunteers may be a part of the High School Victory Corps. Private and parochial schools may also organize a VFV group. A teacher in the school will be in charge of Victory Farm Volunteer recruitment. County agricultural agents with the help of local volunteer committees will arrange for the placement and supervision of the boys and girls on farms.

COOPERATION OF YOUTH-SERVING AGENCIES

Youth-serving agencies are participating wholeheartedly in the Victory Farm Volunteer program. In many sections of the country they are running farm work camps and other VFV programs. Boys and girls can apply through local club leaders and youth-serving agencies, or the Junior Citizen Service Corps of the Civilian Defense Councils. Such groups will be considered full members of the VFV and will, of course, be eligible for the insignia and certificate of service.

WHO CAN JOIN THE VICTORY FARM VOLUNTEERS

Any able-bodied boy or girl who is 14 years of age or older and willing to help with farm work can join. The greatest demand will be for boys who are 16 and 17 years old and girls who are 16 years old or older.

Members of the Victory Farm Volunteers will not wear uniforms. Insignia, as shown on the back of this folder, will be available.

Certificates of service will be issued at the end of the season to recruits who make good.

TRAINING

Many volunteers will receive some training through the schools. The training will vary in each county and school and may include scheduled instruction periods during school hours, Saturday training in organized groups, talks by agricultural agents and leading farmers, and week-end visits to farms. In addition, volunteers will be given some physical conditioning in school and taught how to keep in good condition for their work. Most of the training in farm skills will be done on the job by the farmer, but every effort will be made to give certain skill training before the young people are employed.

KINDS OF FARM SERVICE

There are three types of placement.

1. Living with the farmer's family, doing general farm work, such as harvesting and threshing grain, making hay, and caring for livestock. Young people volunteering for this type of placement will be expected to sign up for 2 to 4 months.

2. Living at home, being transported daily to and from the farm, for special jobs. Young people working on this basis will sign up for varying lengths of time.

3. Living in a supervised camp, helping to harvest vegetables, fruits, and other crops. Work camps will generally run from 1 to 2 months.

The type of farming, the labor needs, and other factors will determine where the Victory Farm Volunteers will be placed.

SUPERVISION

Supervision will be provided for the mutual protection of all concerned. Farms, as well a the recruits assigned to these farms, will b

ully selected. Those who live on farms
e visited regularly by the emergency farm
assistant (VFV). He will help the boy
l to become acquainted in the community
take part in its activities. 4-H Clubs,
re Farmers' chapters, Defense Councils,
other community organizations will do all
can to make the Victory Farm Volunteers
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e farmer for whom they work will pay the
ry Farm Volunteers the same wages as
paid to other workers in the community
the same kind and amount of work.
penses will be paid by the volunteers out
nat they earn, except when the farmer
s to pay transportation and furnish room
board as part of the pay. In camps,
g people will usually be charged a specified
y rate for their living expenses at the
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MERS' INTEREST IN THE VICTORY M VOLUNTEERS

rmers who employ these volunteers will
xpect them to be seasoned, skilled farm
ers from the start. The Extension Service
ncourage farmers to start the volunteers
e simpler jobs first, until their muscles are
ned to do more difficult tasks.
rms will be selected according to standards
p by local farm placement committees,
ally in accordance with Guides to Success-
mployment of Nonfarm Youth in Wartime
ulture, published by the Children's Bureau
e United States Department of Labor.

RANCE

tory Farm Volunteers and their super-
s can get a special accident policy at a
reduced rate from a number of insurance
anies. The policy will insure the workers for 3 months and will pay up to $250 for any medical expenses incurred in connection with an accident. It provides $500 for loss of life, and up to $1,000 for loss of limb or of sight. It will cover the worker 24 hours a day wherever he may be, and will remain in effect for the full 3 months, even though the worker does not remain in farm work for the whole period. The policy costs $4. It can be renewed for an additional 3 months for $4, or for an additional month for $1.50. Application forms can be obtained from the county agricultural agent's office.

ADVANTAGES OF FARM WORK

Farm work is war work. Producing food is the most vital war job young people can do. It is just as important as tanks and guns in winning the war.

Farm work makes for physical fitness. It provides the satisfactions of the out-of-doors. Experience in the country will broaden your outlook and give you a better understanding of the farmer's part in our life.

For further information see your local school officials, the county agricultural agent, State Department of Education, or Extension Service of the State agricultural college.

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